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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMCONSUL IBADAN

AMCONSUL KADUNA

C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 0577

ADDIS ABABA FOR RSS

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATIONS AND SECURITY PROCEDURES

REF : STATE 8969

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN AND GUIDANCE
CONTAINED IN REFTEL. WHILE POINTS MADE APPEAR BE STANDARD
OPERATING PROCEDURE, COMMENTS ON EACH FOLLOW.

2. LOCAL POLICE CONTACTS ARE ADEQUATE. IN OUR ESTIMATION
THERE NO RPT NO NEED REQUEST TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT LIAISON
OFFICER. WHILE THERE IS ALWAYS POSSIBILITY FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS,
SITUATION IN LAGOS DOES NOT WARRANT SUCH ACTION AT THIS TIME.

3. AS REPORTED LAGOS 320, AMERICAN AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES WERE
REQUESTED NOT RPT NOT COME TO EMBASSY ON SATURDAY AND WERE
ALSO ADVISED AVOID DOWNTOWN AREA. COMMISSARY CLOSED AND ALL
GATES/DOORS LOCKED.

4. OFFICIAL EMBASSY AND USIS VEHICLES WERE MOVED FROM
CHANCERY PARKING AREA TO EMBASSY ANNEX SEVERAL MILES
DISTANT. ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL WHO WERE ON DUTY AT EMBASSY
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USED OFFICIAL DUTY CARS AND LEFT PERSONAL AUTOS AT HOME.

ONE PERSONALLY OWNED VEHICLE WAS IN EMBASSY COMPOUND DURING SUNDAY DEMONSTRATION. OWNER ON LEAVE AND OUT OF COUNTRY; PERSON WHO HAD KEYS COULD NOT BE FOUND. APPRECIATE SUGGESTION THAT LOCAL POLICE TAKE CHARGE OF AUTOS; PERHAPS IN FUTURE WE MIGHT CONSIDER SUCH A STEP SHOULD SITUATION WARRANT.

5. SECTION J AND K OF E&E PLAN WERE REVIEWED AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH RESPONSIBILITIES WERE BRIEFED.

6. DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSES TO PUBLIC INQUIRIES RIGHT ON TARGET (PARA 5 REFTEL). SHOULD EMBASSY OR POSTS HAVE CONSIDERED AMCITS IN DANGER OR TO HAVE THOUGHT IT ADVISABLE WARN AMCITS AGAINST TRAVEL TO NIGERIA, SUCH INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATION WOULD HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT. TOURIST AND BUSINESS TRAVEL TAKING PLACE AS NORMAL--OVERBOOKED PLANES, UNAVAILABILITY CONFIRMED HOTEL RESERVATIONS, TRAFFIC SNARLS, ETC.

7. RE LAST PARA REFTEL, "BOOKWEEK USA" EXHIBIT IS GO. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, REQUESTED THAT VOA DELAY REPORTING THE EVENT UNTIL EXHIBIT OVER ON JANUARY 24 AND HAVE TAKEN OTHER STEPS ADOPT LOW PROFILE (SEE LAGOS 554).

8. ASSUME IBADAN AND KADUNA WILL BE RESPONDING SEPARATELY TO DEPARTMENT'S MESSAGE.
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